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SUMMARY: CONGRESSMAN CRANE, ON RETURN FROM VISIT TO PORTUGUESE AFRICA, PRAISED GOP OVERSEAS POLICY, ATTACKED FRELIMO, AND ASSERTED FREE WORLD'S FUTURE LINKED TO PORTUGAL'S. END SUMMARY.

1. ENROUTE TO US AFTER TWO WEEK VISIT MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA, CONGRESSMAN PHILIP CRANE GAVE SHORT INTERVIEW MARCH 3 AT LISBON AIRPORT TO REPRESENTATIVES PORTUGUESE PRESS. INTERVIEW SUBSEQUENTLY BROADCAST ON EVENING TELEVISION AND CARRIED ON FRONT PAGE EPOCA AND DIARIO DE NOTICIAS.

2. CONGRESSMAN, PRAISING WHAT HE TERMED "EXTRAORDINARY WORK" GOP CARRYING OUT IN ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL FIELDS, PROMISED TRY CONVINCE OTHERS OF HIS COLLEAGUES TO VISIT PORTUGUESE AFRICA. HE STRESSED THAT LACK OF UNBIASED UNCLASSIFIED

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INFORMATION ON PORTUGUESE AFRICA AND LIBERATION MOVE-

MENTS CAUSES AMERICAN PEOPLE TO OPPOSE GOP'S OVERSEAS POLICY. FRELIMO, HE ASSERTED, IS NOT LIBERATION GROUP, BUT RATHER TOTALLY SUBSERVIENT TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM AND WHICH MURDERS INNOCENT CIVILIANS IN CONTINUOUS ATTACKS ON NON-MILITARY TARGETS.

3. CRANE, REFERRING TO STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE AZORES AND PORTS OF NACALA AND LOBITO, ALSO SAID "FREE WORLD" URGENTLY NEEDS TO REALIZE ITS FUTURE IS LINKED TO PORTUGAL'S. THE US IN PARTICULAR, HE STRESSED, MUST NOT FORGET PORTUGAL IS FAITHFUL AND HONEST ALLY.

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